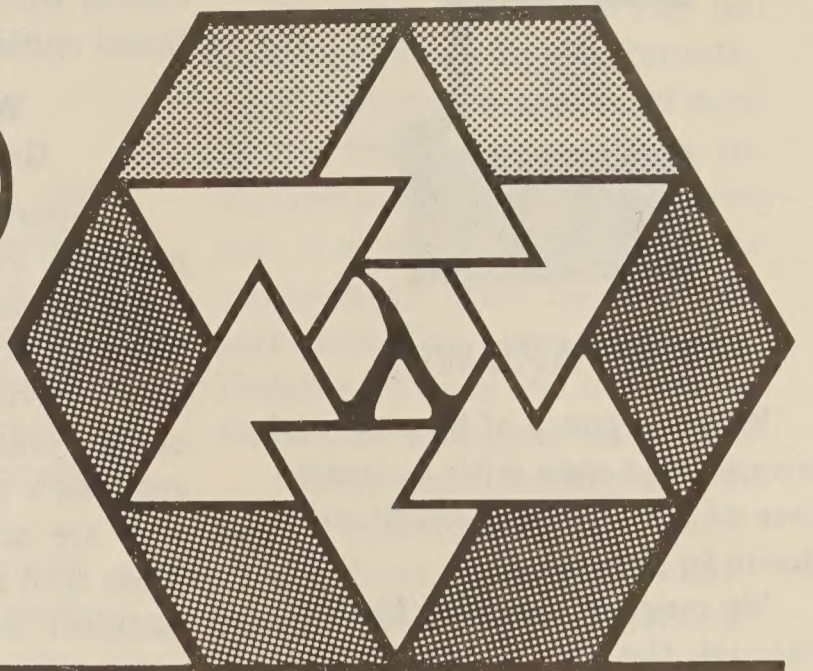

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"HAG SUCCOT SAME' AH"

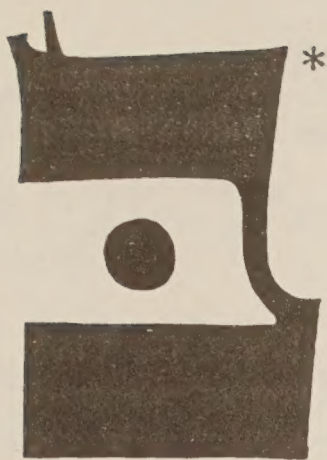
SUKKOT

The festival of Sukkot is marked by the building of Sukkot. This is where many Jews will spend 8 days eating and sleeping. At this time, all over Israel, it seems as if every MERPESSET (balcony) is adorned with a Sukkot.

Sukkot is one of the three Great Agricultural holidays of ancient and modern Israel. It celebrates the coming of fall: harvest time. In ancient Israel, the farmers lived in huts or sukkot in their fields during harvest time so that they could give their fields constant attention during this very vital time period.

We live in an environmentally conscious era. But, Sukkot reminds us that the Jewish people have always understood the respect, love, and attention that nature must be given. The blooming of the desert in Israel is a more modern expression of the Jewish tie to the soil. Sukkot marks our love for nature. The blooming, planting and building that is going on all over Israel is a continuation of the "Sukkot Ethic."





WHO ARE WE?

We are a group of homosexual women and men with a strong love of our Jewish heritage and a desire to perpetuate it.

We range in age from the 20's through the 70's and we come from every kind of Jewish background, from Orthodox to totally secular. We represent a cross-section of the San Francisco Jewish community.

Some of our group have attended yeshivot or Yiddish schools, been or still are members of other synagogues and/or Jewish organizations. For those of us who never had a Jewish education, this will be our first active contact with Jewish life. Others of us, who had not participated in Jewish life for years, will find a positive experience in our return to a Jewish community. All of us have respect and understanding for each other and our varying levels of knowledge of Jewish ritual and tradition. Newcomers will quickly feel at home among us.

How Would We Describe Our Organization?

We are a *kehillah* or community of people who genuinely like and care about each other, as active Jews, as gays, as people. We feel strong bonds of kinship as a community. Many deep and lasting friendships can be formed

here. Our religious services and social gatherings do not stress formality—we are more concerned with a spiritual and emotional content of what we do.

Why Form A Gay Synagogue?

A separate synagogue for gays probably offers as many reasons for being as there are people in attendance. Its greatest attraction is having the opportunity to openly enjoy one's Jewishness and one's gayness. Individuals who are observant, as well as those who are not, are eager to establish a Jewish identity within this special framework.

Our forbears formed new communities based on earlier places or origin and common cultural patterns. *Olim* have formed *kibbutzim* and *moshavim* in Israel based on common social beliefs. We have formed our synagogue and community or *kehillah* because in it we can best experience our Jewishness among friends who understand our feelings and our way of life.

What Religious Services And Other Activities Will We Offer?

Our Friday night service is the highlight of our week. We will welcome the Sabbath with great joy, singing and dancing. Then we will have a coffee hour followed by an Oneg Shabbat which is usually a cultural or entertainment program of Jewish or gay interest. We finish the evening with Israeli and Yiddish folk-dancing.

We will celebrate all the holidays of the Jewish calendar with appropriate services, traditional meals and songs. Traditionally on the first day of Rosh Hashannah we have a

community dinner after services and end the day with tashlich. We break the fast after Ne'ilah with a kiddush. We have full Simchat Torah celebration. We have a Chanukah service, Chanukah and Purim social dances, a Purimspiel, read the Megillah, and conduct a community seder on the second night of Passover. We celebrate Shavouth, Yom Hashoah, Yom Haatsmaout, and Tish B'av.

How Do We Relate To The Larger Jewish Community?

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav does not fit into any of the traditional categories of synagogues in America. We have not sought affiliation with any of the existing Jewish denominations—Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, or Reconstructionist. Our ritual conforms to none of these, yet borrows from all of them. We enjoy cultural pluralism in the American tradition. We find it possible to integrate and enjoy our gay life-style and Jewish background at the same time. We wish to remain free to develop the style of worship that best suits our needs. Kehillath Sha'ar Zahav is a gay Jewish community, having an experimental synagogue as its focus, with a feeling of love and spirituality all its own.

We consider ourselves rightful members of the Jewish community. We are dedicated to supporting Jewish institutions. We are profoundly concerned about Israel and Jews all over the world, and are interested in promoting Jewish religious education and culture among ourselves. We aim, on the one hand, to promote an understanding of homosexuality in the Jewish

community, and on the other, an understanding of Judaism among homosexuals.

In What Ways Do We Act On Our Values?

We hope to participate under the banner of Sha'ar Zahav in demonstrations for Israel and oppressed Jewry. We hope to raise funds for the United Jewish Appeal, the Israel Emergency Fund, Keren Kayemet (Jewish National Fund), several local Jewish charities, and gay organizations.

We hope to have classes in Hebrew, Yiddish language and literature, Bible, Talmud, Jewish Concepts, and Kabbalah. Many of our Friday night Onegs will be directed toward education in all aspects of Jewish life and thought.

We want civil liberties for all homosexuals, Jewish and Gen-

tile, and support gay liberation activities.

What Are Our Forms Of Organization And Sources Of Support?

Sha'ar Zahav will serve the spiritual needs of San Francisco.

The Synagogue will be administered by a Board of Trustees, elected annually. Our varied activities will be conducted through committees responsible to the Board.

Our financial support will come from ourselves. In keeping with the true spirit of Judaism, our spiritual leaders and teachers will serve without pay. Others in our community also contribute according to their skills; all serve on a volunteer basis. Our membership dues are supplemented by contributions to cover expenses.

Who May Attend Our Synagogue Besides Gay Jews?

We are a synagogue and our doors are open to all. Parents, other family members and non-Jewish friends are welcome to our services and activities. Everyone is welcome to stay for the coffee hour after the services and then the Oneg Shabbat. Holiday services and cultural activities are also open to visitors.

Friday night services at 8:00 sharp; get together at 7:30, casual dress. Services are currently held at Glide, Ellis and Taylor (Ellis Street entrance).

We look forward to seeing you at services!

* We are looking for a home for Sha'ar Zahav—any ideas? Let us know!

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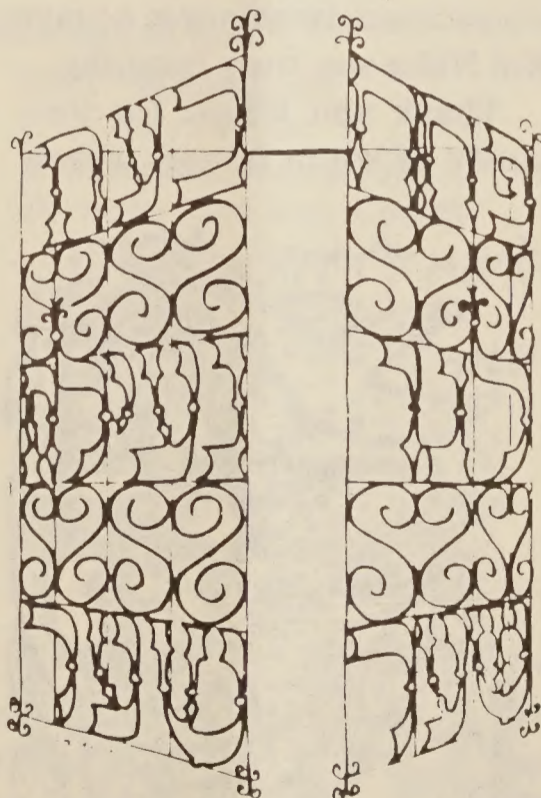
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Editors —

Penny, Gene, Hy, Shamir.

Your Family Needs You!

1. Prepare for very important organizational meetings.
2. A "Shlepper" to relieve Shamir — who has shlepped for 10 weeks (this will be a rotating monthly position (car needed!).
3. Coordinator for Onegs and sponsors for Onegs.
4. People to join Education Ritual Committee (very important for the future of our community).
5. People for "Gaily Forward"—articles, graphics, etc.



Earn a Mitzvah—

We also need as much money as you can spare! Remember *all* donations to Sha'ar Zahav are tax deductible!

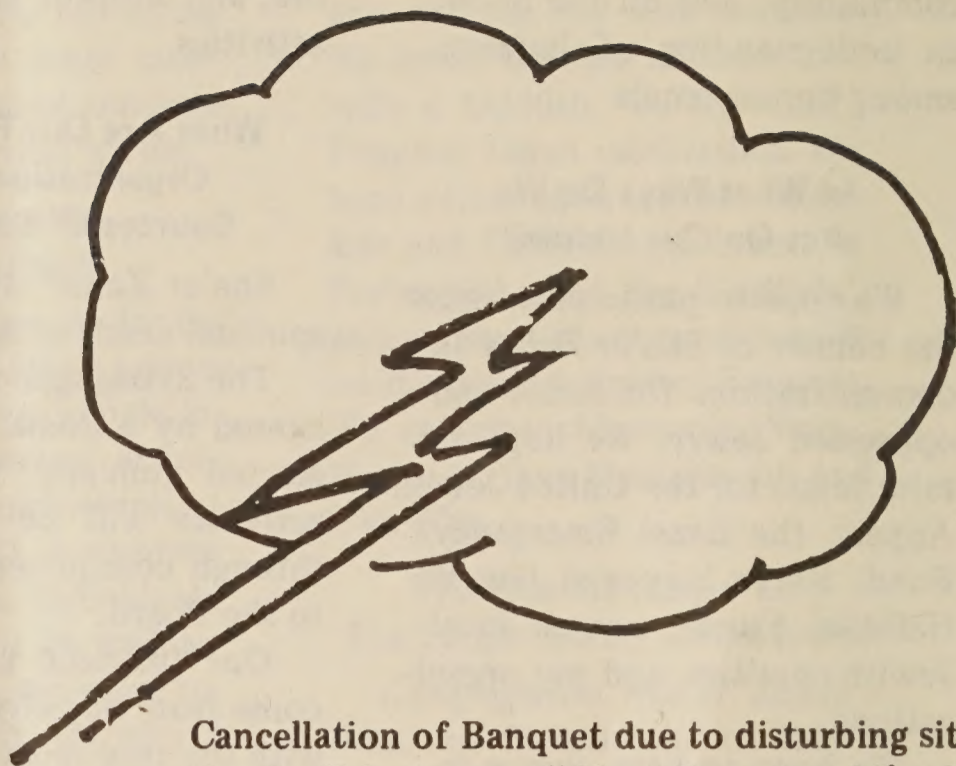
"The Jewish Woman" will be the focus of the next issue. Literature and graphics, politics and personal feelings about growing up as a Jew, a gay, a woman—visions of your future and our future as an extended family on the Jewish Woman — Judith, Lilith, Deborah, Ruth, Hanah Senesh, Golda Meir, etc. —
Let's make this issue a Classic!

HOT FLASH

- Members of Sha'ar Zahan will meet with the incoming and outgoing heads of Northern California Orthodox Community — at Temple Adath Israel on Noriega.

- Meeting is also arranged with the Jewish Welfare board.

Bernard and co-writer Norman were granted a Rockefeller Grant for production at A.C.T. of their play, "A Vast Difference". CONGRATULATIONS!



Cancellation of Banquet due to disturbing situation in Chinatown — "Oh well, we would've been hungry an hour later anyway!"

Thank You Thank You—Thank You

There are so many people.

First, to our older siblings: Beth Chayim Chadashim and Beth Simchat Torah. We have received help and encouragement in all areas of "our birth" from prayerbooks to newsmagazine articles—they have earned many, many, many mitzvot. It will be a pleasure for us at Sha'ar Zahan to eventually act as midwife (midhusband?!) to other congregations as they experience their first warmth of community.

Thank you Daniel for your masterful direction of the High Holiday Services, and for creation of a core prayerbook.

Thank you Lou Greene for printing our prayerbooks and newsmagazine so that our prayers and thoughts could be shared and who arrived like the the U.S. Cavalry—just in the nick of time.

Thank you Magnes Museum for sharing with us the symbol and foundation of our people,

a 16th century Torah from Cochin, India.

Thank you Daniel Reiter, cello; William ~~Quist~~, piano — whose musicianship was a prayer. Kol Nidre was truly inspiring.

Thank you Elliott for the purity of white flowers whose



JUDAH L. MAGNES MEMORIAL MUSEUM, woodcut by Nikos Stavroulakis, from *Proverbs and People*.

essence was felt by all.

Thank you Xavier for home-made wine and flowers.

Thank you Rev. Cecil Williams for the use of the facilities for services.

Thank you Shamir for myriad things and thank you Bernard and Jerry for your sermons.

Thank you Bob Brown for coordinating our first incredibly successful pot luck—over 60 people!! Thank you Richard Stone and Bill Adams for original music and poetry (not enough — next time, more time) and thank you Jacob for the Hassidic dancing.

Thank you Penny for so very much time, effort, love and enlightenment — without you we would have been wandering in a vacuum — you gave us center and balance.

Thank you thank you *all* . . . for being.

List of Gay Jewish Organizations

UNITED STATES

Boston

Am Tikva
c/o Mark Solomon
34 Worcester Square
Boston, Mass. 02118
Services: Same location
Fridays, 7:45 p.m.

Chicago

Congregation or Chadash
c/o 2nd Unitarian Center
656 West Barry Street
Chicago, Ill. 60657
Services: Same location
2nd & 4th Fridays

Miami

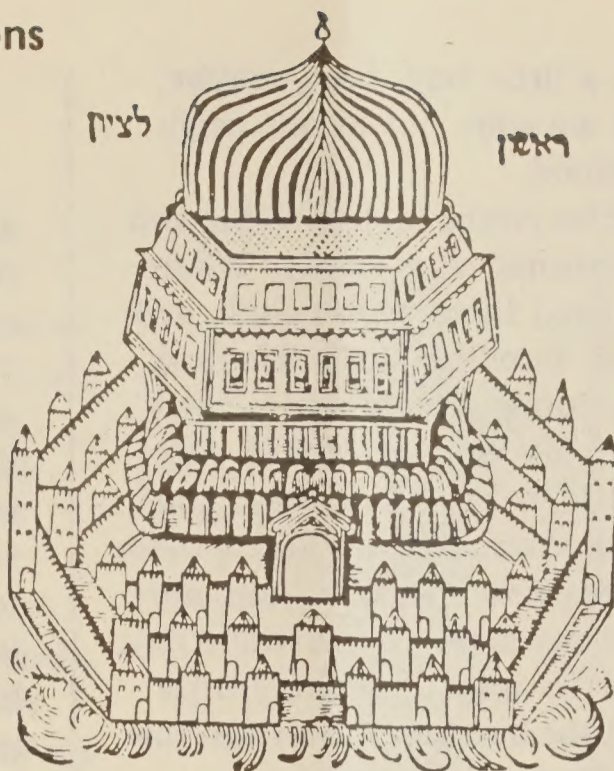
Congregation Etz Chaim
P.O. Box 330132
Miami, Florida 33133
Services: Art Studio
157 N.E. 166th St.
N. Miami Beach, Fla.
Fridays, 8:30 p.m.

New York

Cong. Beth Simchat Torah
P.O. Box 1270
New York, New York 10001
Services: 55 Bethune Street
New York, New York
Fridays, 8:15 p.m.

Philadelphia

Congregation Beth Ahavah
1026 Pine Street, House No. 9
Philadelphia, Pa. 19107
Services: Same Location
2nd & 4th Fridays, 8:15 p.m.



Pittsburgh

Havarim
P.O. Box 59104
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15210
Meetings: 611 E. Warrington
2nd & 4th Tuesdays

San Francisco

Achvah — Jewish Gay Union
P.O. Box 5528
San Francisco, Ca. 94101

Washington, D.C.

MCT—Mishpucheh
P.O. Box 24103
Washington, D.C. 20024
Services: 1st Cong. Church
10th & G. Sts., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
3rd Fridays, 8:00 p.m.

Minneapolis,

Etz Hayyim Fellowship
Box 3585
Minneapolis, Minn. 55403

Around the World

AUSTRALIA

Chutzpah
c/o Martin Smith
94 Surrey Street
Darlinghurst N.S.W. 2010
Australia

CANADA

Montreal

Naches — Gay Jewish Disc Grp
P.O. Box 298, Station H
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Meetings: Friday Evenings

Toronto

Ha Mishpach
Box 609
135 Isabella Street
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Meetings: 3rd Sundays

ENGLAND

Jewish Gay Group
c/o Norman Goldner
5 St. Marys Avenue
London N3 1SN
England

FRANCE

Paris Group
c/o Rev. J. Douce/ Theatre
42, Rue Fontaine
750009 Paris, France

ISRAEL

Society for the Protection of
Personal Rights
P.O. Box 16151
Tel Aviv 61160
Israel

Thank you, Mr. Caen.

in San Francisco" ... Okay, anyone for a new tradition? S.F. may now boast the world's first gay synagogue — Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, 140 members, gathering Friday nights at Glide Memorial. The group's monthly bulletin is called, I'm afraid, the Jewish Gaily Forward ...

HERB CAEN



A Moment in Memory

—by Ephraim



I remember a place one moment. It is not a memory that comes out of mist and myth rolling hazily through time, but a memory that thrusts itself forth, bright and clear and brittle, like a painting hanging in a museum in the sharp noon sun. It stands out in time, one moment in time. I can't remember what happened before or after it, we were just there.

We were on a street. It seems to me as if it were a broad boulevard. We lived in Brooklyn, New York. My mother and I were dressed warmly on this afternoon in this cold, bright sun. The street was clean and clear. It was during the Second World War, so there weren't many cars or buses on the road. There was gas rationing, and this wasn't a trolley street. There were the white pavement, the sidewalk, and the street going on forever. I

was a little boy, four, maybe, and we were not in our neighborhood.

Everything looked so big and uncrowded and empty. Where we lived there were people and noise bursting from windows and doors. But we were alone here. My mother looked very pretty in her black dress and black shoes. She was young then, twenty-five, perhaps, and she took my hand on this winter day, with its bright, bright, brittle sunlight bursting forth from the blackness of the past.

The buildings on the street were red brick, five or six stories high, apartments alone, stores at street level. It was all so crisp and clean. The air was clear then, no smog to filter out the black past, to discolor this moment in time. I remember it vividly. Where were we going?

In the windows there were boxes for flowers or for food. I knew my mother carried rationing coupons in her black purse. I was warm this cold day on this endless straight street with its rows of red brick houses and stores below, all so big and clean, with no dirt anywhere, no cars, no parking meters, no trees, no dogs, no people. Just my mother in her black dress, and me. Why were we there?

My mother had taken me, so it must have been all right. We went many places. I remember this one, however, and that still moment. I don't even hear the clicking of our feet on the sidewalk. I see a still-life with my blood running through it and my mother's warm hand and her black dress hanging on the wall of a museum in the brittle afternoon sun.

INVOLVEMENT

Involvement for many of us at Sha'ar Zahav represents the first time we can combine both our Jewish and gay lifestyles. Traditionally, they are mutually exclusive. It was hard enough finding a synagogue as a feminist, much less as a lesbian, especially when I had grown accustomed to one where women were active in making decisions and writing liturgy. After two years of looking for a place to pray where I would not be excluded because I was a single woman from the religious and social life of the community, it was really a relief to come to Sha'ar Zahav and find a home for myself again. It seems I'd spent the last two years since I left the east coast so assimilated that it hurt and had been attending Dignity masses with my lover and friends to have some sense of spirituality and religion in my life. We were the only women at mass and until recently were the only women at shul, so I was really delighted to see all the women attending High Holy Day services and at the organizational meeting at Bernard's.

I hope that the people who joined us for High Holy Day services will become part of our growing community. We need everyone to take responsibility for helping us to grow into a *non-sexist, multi-traditional kehillah* (community). The synagogue has accomplished a great deal in 9 or 10 weeks on a shoestring budget and with sporadic, intense, sometimes almost hysterical volunteer help. We need you. COME OUT!!

—Penny

HOMO-GENESIS — Humanity in the Process of Creation

Shalom,

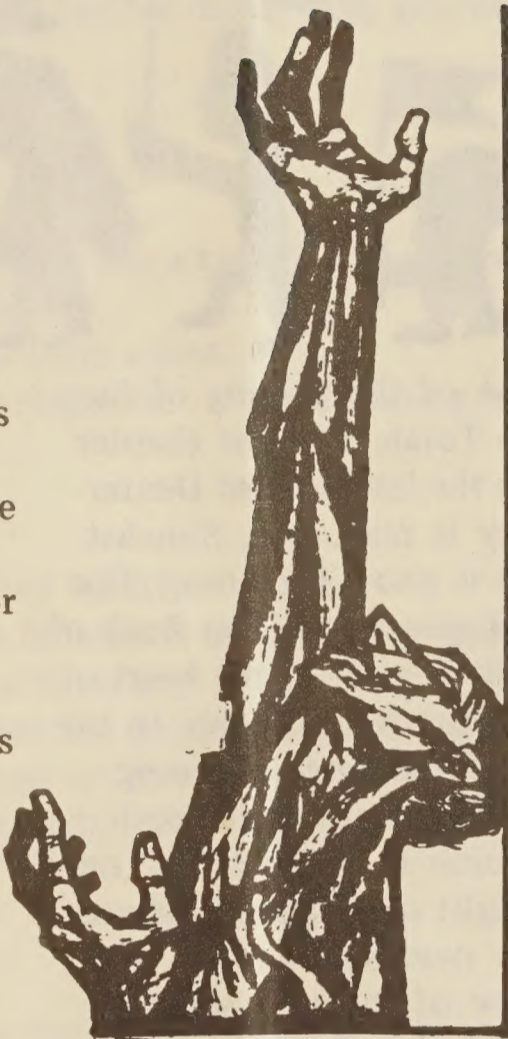
Surely, we have been blessed, for who would have believed that 10 weeks ago our Vision of a Family, a Community, would come to be; but who could doubt it?

We breathe and live.

We have experienced "The Days of Awe". I remember Daniel's and Bernard's Voices, the Song of Deborah, Daniel Reiter's "Kol Nidre" and the Voice of the Shofar. As I remember, I feel again.

I feel that the time has surely come for the Jewish Woman and Man to come together; to educate, to re-create and create the Judaism of this new age. Let us meld our hopes and visions and join our voices in "Shira Chadasha", a new song.

At our fine services were hundreds of men and women — a fine balance, and in that balance I was comforted. For although I knew I would have to invest a



great deal of energy and time to make our "relationship", our family work, I saw that so many others considered it as important as I.

Yes, we need to care, to touch, to educate each other, we have been lost to each other for too long.

I want . . . I want this Family to work so very much and I already feel the strength and love being returned!

The "High" holy days. — good name! The newness, the closeness — an Alleluia, an Ascendance — Natural High.

From this height I looked around.

You know we are a beautiful people.

I hope and pray that in many, many years we will look back at our beginnings — our Genesis, our Creation. As we remember our first steps together, may we say, as did our God, that "It was Good".

Shamir

Bay Area Holds Unity Day For Soviet Jewry

USSR Jewry Festival

Simchat Torah — the time of the Jewish year when Soviet Jews express their oneness with Jews all over the world — will provide an opportunity this year for the Jewish community of the San Francisco area to show their unity with Soviet Jews at a festival, Sunday, Oct. 9 from 1-4 p.m. at the San Francisco Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St.

Announcement of the Festival was made by John Rothmann, chairman of the Soviet Jewry Commission of the Jewish Community Relations Council, co-sponsors of the Celebration with the San Francisco Jewish Community Center, the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry and the Soviet Jewry Action Group.



SIMCHAT TORAH

"Who are we?

—Jews.

What are we?

—Jews.

What shall we remain?

—Jews."*



Thus, outside Moscow Synagogue — and outside synagogues in Leningrad, Odessa, Kiev and Tbilisi, another Simchat Torah comes and is celebrated. Tens of thousands of Jews, mostly young, gather all around the Soviet Union, in the few synagogues that are permitted to remain open. They celebrate Simchat Torah — rejoicing over Torah. They sing and chant and affirm their Jewishness. Something not easy for a Soviet Jew to do. Simchat Torah marks the com-

pletion of the reading of the entire Torah. The last chapter of the the last book of Deuteronomy is read. But, Simchat Torah is also a beginning. The first chapter of the first Book of Genesis is read. In the heart of Jewish survival is Torah. In the heart of the heart of the oppressed Russian Jew is Torah — for Torah is Judaism. "If, on this night of dancing, gladness finally overcame fear, it was because of them. If song triumphed over silence, it was their

triumph. And it was through them only that the dream of freedom and community became reality. I am still waiting to see tens of thousands of Jews singing and dancing in Times Square or the Place de L'Etoile as they danced here, in the heart of Moscow, on the night of Simchat Torah. They danced until midnight without rest, to let the city know that they are Jews.

*"The Jews of Silence"

—Elia Wiesel

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San Francisco Congregations



We are now listed along with other congregations in the Jewish Bulletin.

Cantor Greenberg... Services on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 9:30 a.m.

CONGREGATION SHERITH ISRAEL services on Friday, Sept. 16 at 8:15 p.m. with Rabbis Weiner and Gross and Cantor Feldman with students who participated in the Israel Summer Experience...Services on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 10:30 a.m.

CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV services on Friday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Glide Memorial Church.

CONGREGATION B'NAI EMUNAH services on Friday, Sept. 16 at 8 p.m. with Rabbi Alexander and Cantor Drejer...Services on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 10 a.m.

CONGREGATION ANSHEY SFARD

"And Again They're Beating Us . . ."

Again and again, just as before

As always, according to rules handed down from generation to generation:

Beat the Jews! . . .

Is this unusual?

When did they not beat them?

And who did not beat them?

For generations in Russia there was a hairy fist, a square boot over our heads.

Hey, fellow — don't be shy!

They are not shy! Just give them a hint!

Word of honor — it's to be respected . . . their shining lawlessness, the lack of punishment.

Complete arbitrariness.

Slap the Jew, kick him

If I wish, I call him "kike."

Should they not be respected for it?

Imagine — who could have fantasized in the boldest dreams:

In the center of progressive humanity

They drag out the Jews from the waiting room of the president of the country.

Take them 60 kilometers out of town to a forest and beat them up.

Break noses and ribs — professional beatings that leave no mark.

For what reason?

Because . . .

Why for everything.

Hey, American — have you ever been dragged out of the White House into a dark forest

And then with fists, boots, kicks . . .

Hey, English — have you ever been dragged out of the Queen's palace

Then banged on the nose, kicked in the backside, dragged on the pavement?

Hey, Frenchman — how do you live without it?

I pity you people in foreign lands.

I pity all of us.

Some Jews are defending them.

Some say the beatings were not ordered from above —

It was done at their own initiative which, of course, is not the same thing.

It is possible to live with it.

Jews! Tomorrow you will be carted away 200 kilometers out of town.

You will be buried in a rotten ravine.

But you will be pleased that it was not ordered from above —

Just on personal initiative.

Hey, Jewish people!

Again they're beating the Jews . . .

Again and again.

Who was not beat up yet?

Come out — it's your turn!

— Soviet screenwriter and "refusnik" Felix Kandel

COMING EVENTS

1. Friday, September 30, 1977 — Jim Foster speaking on "The Jews of Dade County".
 2. Friday, October 7, 1977 — Dancing, Shmoozing.
 3. Friday, October 14, 1977 — Combined Sukkot and Simchat Torah Pot Luck and Dance!!!
Coordinator needed! Bring disco records. REMINDER! We'll start ½ hour early—at 6:30.
Come help set up—bring friends and food!
 4. Friday, October 21, 1977 — Henry Shain speaking on "Single People and the Law".
 5. Friday, October 28, 1977 — Dirk Murphy of H.U.B. speaking on "Single People and Housing in the Bay Area."
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COMING COMING EVENTS

"A Taste of Old Jewish San Fran" by a native San Franciscan and synagogue member.

Visit to Jewish Home for the Aged.

Magnes Museum Trip — on a Sunday with Picnic in Tilden Park.

Theatre at A.C.T. "A Vast Difference" — a play by Bernard Pechter and co-writer Norman Lehman.

2707 West Norwood Place
Alhambra, Ca. 91802
Tuesday, September 6, 1977

Congratulations!

Your first publication! The work put in, the wealth of material contained, the timing and putting together services for the High Holidays, naming of the Newsletter, the artwork, typing, mailing, etc. Volume I, Book I will become a collector's item some day. I am proud of the Jewish gays' hard work and success in putting this first edition together.

Your article on "Help" leaves me "helpless" — you in San Francisco, and me in Alhambra (just outside of L.A.).

As a psychotherapist working mainly with gays I am familiar (though not active) with L.A.'s gay life. Perhaps visitors from your organization coming to L.A., I may refer them to other Jewish gays. Or if they need my assistance — a friend for the moment — I would welcome them into my home.

My wife and I will never turn away a Jewish person. Faye's "Jewish chicken soup with noodles" will always be ready to serve a "nice Jewish boy."

Enclosed is my card and home phone number. Please feel free to use it.

Good luck,
Don and Faye Goldstein

16 September 1977
Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
& Achavah — Jewish Gays

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Sholom:

Today was an interesting day as concerned with the mail and newspaper that I received in the mail, the Chronicle. First in the Chronicle in Herb Caen's column the note about Cong Sha'ar Zahav, and then on the opposite end of the scale, a flyer and note from the S.F. Gay Nazis, copy of which I am enclosing and sending to Sha'ar Zahav.

Over 5 years ago I founded Achavah and now today the Jewish Gay Synagogue is happening in San Francisco. A bit over 2 years ago I moved from San Francisco to a more tranquil life in the country up here in the Sierra Nevada Mountains an hour east of Sacramento. And here is life as it should be. Sholom. Peace.

I congratulate the founders of Sha'ar Zahav, and also those gay brothers that have continued onwards with Achavah.

As to the enclosed flyer, I am sure you well know about these sickies and what they represent and what you do from this point onwards is up to you and your consciences. But be aware, for they are there, lurking in the dank shadows of the past.

With love & brotherhood, Sholom,
Steve Ginsburg
Peppermint Parsley Farm
Star Route — Omo Ranch Road
Somerset, CA 95684



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CALENDAR

Tishri			October		
19	Sat 1	Sukkot — Torah Portion: Ex 33:12 12-34 Num 29:23-31.	25	Fri 7	Shabbat — Dancing 7:30 p.m. Glide shmoozing
20	Sun 2		26	Sat 8	Torah portion Bereshit— Gen 1:1-6:8 Haftorah—Isaiah 42:4-43:11
21	Mon 3	7th day of Sukkot—Hoshanah Rabba (the Great Hosanna)	27	Sun 9	
22	Tues 4	Shamini Atzeret (8th Day's assembly)	28	Mon 10	
23	Wed 5	Simchat Torah (Rejoicing of the Torah)	29	Tues 11	
24	Thur 6		30	Wed 12	Rosh Chodesh (New Moon)
Heshvan			10	Sat 22	Torah Portion Lekh Lekha— Gen. 12:1--17:27 Haftorah Isaiah 40:27--41:16
1	Thur 13		11	Sun 23	
2	Fri 14	Shabbat—Sukkot & Simchat Torah Pot Luck & Dance 6:30	12	Mon 24	
3	Sat 15	Torah Portion Noah Gen. 6:9--11:32 Haftorah Isaiah 54:1--55:5	13	Tues 25	
4	Sun 16		14	Wed 26	
5	Mon 17		15	Thurs 27	
6	Tues 18		16	Fri 28	Shabbat—Dirk Murphy— Single People & Housing
7	Wed 19		17	Sat 29	Torah Portion—Vayera— Gen. 8:1--22:24 Haftorah II Kings 4:1:37
8	Thur 20		18	Sun 30	
9	Fri 21	Shabbat—Henry Shave— Single people & the law	19	Mon 31	